**THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD**

**HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY**

**Writ Petition No.13643 of 2002**

***MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN***

**Between:**

Paladugula Sumakar, S/o. Subba Rao,
25 years, R/o. Aswaraopet, Khammam
District.

… Petitioner

And

Mandal Revenue Officer, Velerupadu, Khammam
District, and others.

… Respondents

## Order:

This writ petition has been filed seeking Mandamus to declare the order dated 23-07-2002, passed by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Velerupadu, first respondent herein, as illegal and arbitrary and a consequential direction to the M.R.O., to release the medium goods carriage vans bearing Nos.AP-28-T-7146 and AP-37-U-2713.

2. Petitioner claims that he is the owner of the aforesaid vehicles which were seized by the first respondent on the ground that the rice which was allotted under 'Food for Work' programme was being transported in those vehicles unauthorisedly, from Velerupadu to Medepally. The vehicles were initially handed over to the Police, Velerupadu; however, they were subsequently handed over to the M.R.O. The case of the petitioner is that the vehicles were carrying the rice, which was distributed to labourers, but not the rice allotted under 'Food for Work' programme and the transportation was not unauthorized.

3. Petitioner has filed a copy of the report dated 22-07-2002 sent by the Station House Officer, Velerupadu P.S., to the Mandal Revenue Officer in which it is clearly stated that the investigation reveals that the rice that was being transported in the vehicles belongs to the labour who worked in Koyhamadharam village and the same was distributed on 09-07-2002 at G.C.C. Velerupadu. In the said report, it is also stated that there is no misappropriation.

4. This court, while admitting the writ petition, by order dated 26-07-2002, in W.P.M.P.No.16979 of 2002 directed the respondents to release the said vehicles. Though the writ petition is of the year 2002, no counter affidavit is filed and there is also no representation on behalf of the respondents.

5. As much as in the report sent by the Police, Velerupadu to the Mandal Revenue Officer, it is stated that no unauthorised transportation has been undertaken by the petitioner in the vehicles in question,

I dispose of the writ petition confirming the interim order of this court

dated 26-07-2002. No order as to costs.

**JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY.**

July 4, 2007
**MRR**